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St. Louis National Charity Horse Show Offers Free Family Entertainment

Riders vie for national championships at local venue

ST. LOUIS - (Aug. 22, 2016) Featuring an exciting \$25,000 Grand Prix and several prestigious national championships, the [St. Louis National Charity Horse Show](#) takes place Sept. 14 through 18 and Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 at the National Equestrian Center, 6880 Lake Saint Louis Blvd, in Lake Saint Louis, Mo.

Similar to some of the equestrian events at this summer's Olympics, this show brings exciting equine action to spectators in St. Louis with exhibitors competing for multiple national titles. The family-friendly event is free of charge and refreshments are available on site.

Always a crowd pleaser, the \$25,000 Grand Prix takes place on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the outdoor arena. For an up-close view of the jumping action, the Grand Prix offers ringside tailgate parking for \$75 per car. To reserve your ringside tailgate spots or tables, please download the form [here](#) and return with a check payable to the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show to: Mary Keirle, 15572 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO, 63011. For more information call: 636.394.2083 or email: stlnchorseshow@aol.com.

The Saddlebred show kicks off on Sept. 28, with exciting performances beginning nightly at 7 p.m. in an indoor arena. The show features the American Saddlebred horse, which is known as the "peacock of the show ring." This powerfully muscled horse features high-stepping, high-energy action.

As the oldest and largest multi-breed horse show in the area, the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show attracts several hundred horses and riders from throughout the country. The show attracts competitors from more than 29 states, and attracts upwards of 1,000 horses from two different equine disciplines. The combined economic impact of the show on St Charles and St. Louis counties exceeds \$4,200,000.

The horse show supports Stray Rescue of St. Louis and Therapeutic Horsemanship, a program of TREEHouse of Greater St. Louis. In 2015, the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show donated a total of \$35,000 to these two charities. Since the late 1970s, charitable contributions from the show have exceeded \$1 million. Dogs from Stray Rescue will be available for adoption at the show and riders from Therapeutic Horsemanship will provide a riding demonstration.



In addition, spectators and exhibitors alike can shop at a variety of on-site boutiques, featuring range of jewelry, custom-made show suits, high-end saddlery and tack, pottery, and home décor.

Filming, Photography and Credentials:

Filming, photography and interviews are welcome throughout the competition. Please notify Lisa Mills (lisamills211@gmail.com) or Kristin Gumper (kristingumper@gmail.com) if you plan to capture the action.

About the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show:

With roots dating back to 1856 as the first horse show west of the Mississippi, the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show gained national notoriety during the 1904 World's Fair and has existed in its present form since 1977. A 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization with an all-volunteer board, our goal throughout the years has been to support and highlight St. Louis-area charities, as well as provide a venue for some of the finest equestrian competition in the nation. For more information, visit the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show website at www.stlhorseshow.com.

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